GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SERVING OF BISCUITS UNDER MID DAY MEAL SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Members of Parliament have asked the Government to serve biscuits as lunch to children in schools under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the serving of biscuits as lunch to children in schools will be in addition to the lunch being served presently;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the serving of biscuits will compensate the nutritional value of cooked food;and

(g) if so, the fate of local community who are engaged in the Mid-Day Meal process in case the scheme is replaced by serving biscuits?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a)to(g): Yes, Sir. After careful consideration,the Government has not supported the proposal because replacement of the Mid-Day Meal Programme through supply of biscuits would not be in the nutritional interest of children,since it does not fulfill the nutritional norms, dietary requirement and satiety of children.